

TRASH COMPACTOR FOR FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WASTE**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A refuse compactor especially designed for use in fast-food restaurant environments includes a hydraulic pump driven by an electric motor for actuating a 5 hydraulic ram to compress restaurant waste materials. The compactor includes a unique compaction plate assembly that maintains the platen inclined at a predetermined angle to the vertical when the platen is elevated and which forces the platen to a horizontal disposition during a downward compaction stroke. A motor operated closure member selectively blocks and unblocks a refuse-receiving opening formed in a front door of the 10 compactor unit and with a motion detector controlling the opening and closing of the refuse entry door panel.